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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. Ten only

Part B for December 1941

SUBJECT.

Roof - Spotters.
Training of "Roof Spotter Instructors" for Factories.

M. Krishnan.
8.12.41.

481/586/W. Training of Roof Spotters Instructors for Factories

General and Revenue
Secretariat

W File No 120

of 1940-1

[App. F. III-2]

Serial
No.

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From The Secy to the Honble the Asst. Secy
F-78(4)-4/W & 28th Aug. 41 re: the training
of 'Roof Spotters Instructors' for Factories
and enquiring whether this Govt. is in a position to
arrange the arrangements

Subd for perusal with a draft
to the L.S.B. for consideration



RS
29/8

Law Minister

MS
31/8/41

MS
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MS
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Issued No. 624/W & 2.9.41 to the J.G.P.

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From The Secy to the Honble the Asst. Secy
F-78(7)-4/W & 13th Sept. 41 forwarding
a copy of Hon. Asst. Secy re: Roof Spotters Instructors.
Subd with a draft to the L.S.B. in continuation
of the previous letter. The L.S.B. has been asked
whether there is any necessity for this Govt. to
arrange the arrangements made for
the training of Roof Spotters.

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Issued No. 723/W & 15.9.41 to the J.G.P.

Training of Roof Spotter Instructors

638/W.

W File No. 120

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General and Revenue
Secretariat

From
The Inspector General of Police

Serial
No.
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No- A.R.P. 3/41-42 dated 26th Sept '41 stating that it is desirable that a representative of this Govt should be trained as an Instructor in "Roof Spotting" and forwarding the particulars of M. S. Chintamani, an employee of the Hindustan Aircraft. Ltd.

The I. G. P. is of opinion that after completing the course, this Candidate would be able to train "Roof Spotters" required for the various factories in Categories A, B & C, as well as for the Iron works. It is reported that Mr. Chintamani is already familiar with aeroplane engines. According to the present programme the course is to start on or about 1st Oct. and it will last for 3 to 4 days. Subd. with a draft to Residency for consideration

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Chief Secy

Added

1/Share & Submit to Law Minister for perusal.

Issued No 804/W dated 29.9.41 to the Resy.

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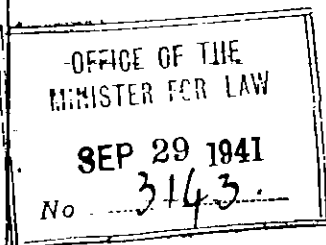
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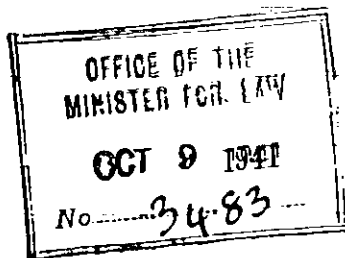
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From

The Dy to the Honble to Resident
F. 78(9)-40/W & 7th Oct. 41 re: Roof Spotters
Subd for perusal with a draft and for
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Issued No. 839/W of 9.10.41 to the S. G. P.
Resubmitted.

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9.10.41

For perusal

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Law Ministry

for

9-10-41

MS

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From

The Dy to the Honble to Resident
F. 78(9)-40/W of 15th Oct. 41 forwarding a
copy of Home Dept letter of 27th Sept. 41
re: Roof Spotters.

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The Resident instructed in their previous
letter that the case for Roof Spotters has been
postponed indefinitely for unavoidable reasons.
A copy of the Home Dept. letter will be sent to
the 15 P for information in continuation of
the previous letter.

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For perusal

CPA

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Chief

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Subd into a draft and fair to L.S.P.

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Issued no. 893/w dt. 17.10.41 to the L.G.P.

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The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. F.78(4)-40/W.

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FROM

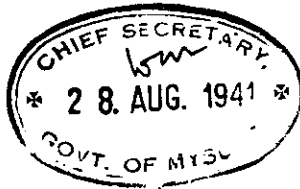
THE SECRETARY

TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 28th August 1941



ROOF SPOTTERS.

SIR,

I am directed to forward a copy of a letter from the Government of India, Home Department, to all Provincial Governments, etc., No.78/256/41-A.R.P., dated the 13th August 1941, with enclosure, regarding the training of "Roof Spotter Instructors" for Factories in Category A, B and C (list attached).

2. Should the Government of Mysore desire to avail themselves of the arrangements for the training of "Roof Spotter Instructors", I am to request that information as in the enclosed statement may kindly be

communicated

communicated to this Residency at as early a date as possible.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

William Rogers
for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.
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Copy of letter No.78/256/41-A.R.P., dated Simla, the 13th August 1941 from the Government of India, Home Department (A.R.P. Section) to all Provincial Governments ~~and x@xixfx@x~~ etc.

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R O O F S P O T T E R S.

I am directed to say that the Government of India have had under consideration the means whereby work in Factories categories A - C, important Commercial Firms, and Government Offices may be dislocated as little as possible by air raids. It may be that an action warning will be in operation for some considerable period before a raid develops, indeed, the raid may not take place at all, and if employees of factories etc., proceed to take shelter as soon as the action warning is sounded, production and essential work will be seriously affected. In such factories etc., therefore, work should continue after receipt of the action warning until such time as it is apparent that enemy planes are approaching and the locality is in imminent danger of being bombed. This can only be done provided there is an adequate system of "roof spotting", such as obtains in the United Kingdom, in operation and I am accordingly to request that such a system be organised. "Roof spotters" should be volunteers drawn from the factory etc., concerned. They are not an Air Raid Precautions Service and do not operate under the orders of the Air Raid Precautions Controller.

2. The function of a roof spotter is to warn the occupants of the premises concerned of the approach of hostile aircraft in sufficient time to enable them to take shelter before the attack takes place. He should operate the internal warning system of the premises. He should be posted whenever there is likelihood of an air raid taking place, usually this will be on receipt of the preliminary caution (Air Raid Message - Yellow).

3. "Roof spotters" should be given at their post lateral protection from blast and splinters of high Explosive Bombs.

4. "Roof Spotters" must, therefore, be able to recognise hostile air craft and to distinguish them from friendly planes, and I am to request Provincial Governments to arrange for the training of an adequate number of "roof spotters" for Factories in Category A, B and C, important Commercial Firms and Government Offices. To enable them to do this arrangements have been made with the Royal Air Force for the training of "Roof Spotter instructors" on a scale of approximately one for each Class I, II & III Town, the larger towns being allotted more than one. The detailed arrangements are set out in the appendix to the letter.

I am to request, therefore, that suitable persons be selected for training as "Roof Spotter Instructors", and the following information supplied to Home Department: -

Full name.....
Age
Address
Present appointment.....

Persons selected for training must possess a knowledge of English.

As soon as possible after receipt of the above information complete instructions for joining the Schools will be issued.

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A P P E N D I X.

"ROOF SPOTTERS " INSTRUCTORS' COURSE

1. Allotment of Vacancies and place at which course will take place.

Provincial Government.	No. of vacancies allotted.	Place at which Course will take place
PUNJAB	21	Ambala.
BIHAR	2	Calcutta.
ASSAM	3	Calcutta.
N.W.F.P.	7	Peshawar
ORISSA	1	Calcutta.
SIND	3	Karachi.
MADRAS	5	Madras.
BOMBAY	5	Bombay.
BENGAL	15	Calcutta.
UNITED PROVINCES	5	Ambala.
DELHI	1	Ambala.
BALUCHISTAN	5	Karachi.

2. The Course will start on or about 1st October 1941. This date is provisional and will be confirmed later. The course will last from 3-4 days. The Officer to whom students should report and the time will be notified later.

3. Details of the Syllabus will be notified later. At the end of the Course there will be a short examination to test the students ability in the recognition of aircraft.

4. Students should bring with them a pair of binoculars if possible, notebooks and writing materials.

5. In order to prevent unauthorised persons from entering Royal Air Force premises on the grounds that they are attending the course, each student will be provided with a certificate signed by an Officer of rank not below Deputy Secretary to Government to the effect that he has been nominated by the Provincial Government concerned. Failure to produce the certificate will entail non-admittance to the Course.

6. Students should make their own arrangements for accommodation

7. Travelling allowance, etc. The travelling allowance of candidates attending the "Roof Spotter Instructors" Course at the various centres will be as follows: -

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| (a) Government servants attending the "Roof Spotter Instructors" Course. | } Will get that travelling allowance which is normally admissible under the rules applicable to them. |
| (b) Non-officials attending the 'Roof Spotter Instructors' Course for ultimate employment in connection with A.R.P. measures. | } Will be paid actual fares of the appropriate class for their journeys to the place concerned and back and also daily allowance at the rates most appropriate to their status. |

List (as it stands on the 18th August 1941) of Civil Workshops doing work of national importance, i.e., factories in categories "A", "BI", "BII" and "C", situated in Indian States.

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Category "A"

<u>Mysore State.</u>	The Hindustan Aircraft Limited, Bangalore.
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Category "B-II"

<u>Mysore State.</u>	1. The Bangalore Woollen, Cotton & Silk Mills Co., Ltd., Bangalore City.
	2. The Kaiser-i-Hind Woollen, Cotton & Silk Mills Co., Ltd., Hebbal, Bangalore.
X	X

Category "C"

X	X
<u>Mysore State</u>	B.K.Subbiah & Sons, Sourashtrapet, Bangalore City.
X	X

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S T A T E M E N T

"Roof Spotters" Instructors' Course.

Name of the factory and the State in which situated.	Number of vacancies required.	Particulars of the student. Full name.	Age.	Address.	Present appointment.	Place at which the student is desired to undergo his training.
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SUBJECT.....

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Section W

File No. 120-40

Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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No. 624/W

To

The 1st of PoliceSir Roof Spotters.

Date of issue..... 2.9.41

Signed by..... Mr. C. G. R.

I am directed to enclose
 herein for information a copy
 of Reg. Ltr no F.78(4)-40/W
 d 28th Aug. 41 with its enclosure
 on the above subject and to request you kindly to
 intimate whether there is any necessity
 for this Govt. to avail themselves
 of the arrangements for the training.
 If necessary, information may kindly
 be furnished as desired in the ^{form} ~~form~~
 statement.

List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

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2nd September 1941.

The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

Roof Spotters.

I am directed to enclose herein for information a copy of Residency letter No.F.78(4)-40/W dated the 28th August 1941 with its enclosure on the above subject, and to request you kindly to intimate whether there is any necessity for this Government to avail themselves of the arrangements for the training. If necessary, information may kindly be furnished as desired in the ~~xxx~~ form of a statement.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,



For Chief Secretary to Government.



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THE OFFICE OF THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, the 13th September 1941.

No.F.78(9)-40/W.

A copy of the undermentioned papers is forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary to the Government of His the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore, for information and any action considered necessary, in continuation of letter from this Residency No.F.78(4)-40/W, dated the 28th August 1941.

By order, etc.,



W. Damodar Rao
for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.
K.R.

1. Letter from the Government of India, Home Department, to all Provincial Governments, No.78/256/41-A.R.P., dated the 26th August 1941.

2. Letter from the Government of India, Home Department, to all Provincial Governments, etc. No.78/256/41-A.R.P., dated the 2nd September 1941.

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Copy of a letter from the Government of India, Home Department, to all Provincial Governments, No.78/256/41-A.R.P., dated the 26th August 1941.

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ROOF SPOTTERS.

I am directed to refer to Government of India, Home Department letter No.78/256/41-A.R.P., dated 13th August 1941, and to request that the following amendments be made to that letter: -

(a) Paragraph 2, page 2. Delete sentence starting with the words "He should be posted" and substitute "He should be posted when the preliminary warning is received"

(b) Paragraph 3, page 2. After the word "post" add the words "overhead and".

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Copy of a letter from the Government of India, Home Department, to all Provincial Governments, etc. No.78/256/41-A.R.P., dated the 2nd September 1941.

ROOF SPOTTERS.

I am directed to refer to the Government of India, Home Department letter No.78/256/41-A.R.P., dated the 13th August 1941 and to say that whereas the Provincial Government have been requested to arrange for the training

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of Roof Spotters for Factories, important Commercial Firms and Government Buildings there are other installations and undertakings which require assistance in this matter. These include Railways, Port Trusts, Public Utilities, etc. It is, therefore, requested that arrangements be made for the training of Roof Spotters for these in addition to the undertakings already mentioned.

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SUBJECT.....
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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue..... 15. 9. 41

Signed by..... Mr. C. G. R.

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Examined by.....

Section W
File No. 120-40
Serial No. 4

No. 723/W.

To

The I G of Police.
Rog. Spottis -

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter
no 624/W of 2nd Sept. 41 on the
above subject I am pleased
to receive from for information
a copy of the marginal notes
Home Dept letter. since received
from the Residency. A reply is to
whether there is any necessity
for his Govt to avail themselves
of the arrangements for the training
my kind to set early
for introduction to the Residency

Yours etc
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No. 723/W
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15th September 1941.

The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

ROOF SPOTTERS.

In continuation of this office letter No.624/W date 2nd September 1941 on the above subject, I am directed to enclose herein for information a copy of the marginally noted Home Department letters

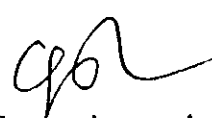
1. Letter from the Govt. of India, Home Dept., to all Provincial Govts. No.78/256/41-A.R.P. dated the 26th August 1941. since received
2. Letter from the Govt. of India, Home Dept., to all Provincial Govts. etc. No.78/256/41-A.R.P., dated the 2nd September 1941. from the Residency. A reply as to whether

there is any necessity for this Government to avail themselves of the arrangements for the training may kindly be sent early for intimation to the Residency.

I have the honour, to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


For Chief Secretary to Government.



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Tele { gram: POLICE
phone: 2108

POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

No. A.R.P. 3/41-42

Encl. 1st.

Bangalore, dated 26th September 1941.

FROM

E. G. B. PEEL, Esq., C.I.E.

*Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.*



The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

SUBJECT: ROOF-SPOTTING

Sir,

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With reference to your letters No. 624/W dated 2-9-41 and No. 723/W dated 15-9-41 I have the honour to state that it is desirable that a representative of the Mysore State should be trained as an Instructor in "Roof Spotting". After completing the course he would be able to train the "Roof Spotters" required for the various Factories in categories A, B and C as well as for the Bhadravati Iron and Steel Works.

The General Manager, Hindustan Aircraft Ltd: ^{was} asked to nominate a suitable candidate, since the employees of that factory are already familiar with aeroplane engines, and he has now nominated Mr. M.S. Chintamani, the requisite particulars regarding whom are furnished in the enclosed statement.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

E. G. B. Peel
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE.

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STATEMENT.

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|------|--|---|
| I. | Name of the factory and the
the state in which situated. | Hindustan Aircraft Ltd.
Bangalore. Mysore State. |
| II. | Number of vacancies required. | One. |
| III. | Particular of the student. | |
| | 1. Full name | M.S. Chintamani. |
| | 2. Age | 25 years. |
| | 3. Address | No.30 III Cross Road,
Basavangudi, Bangalore City. |
| | 4. Present appointment | Personal Department Staff. |
| IV. | Place at which the student
is desired to undergo his
training. | Madras. |

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For INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE

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No 804/W
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To

The Secy. to the Resident.

ROOF SPOTTERS.

Sir,

With reference to your letter

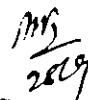
No.F.78(4)-40/W dated the 28th August

and Memo no F.78(9)-
40/W d. 13.9.41

1941 on the above subject, I am directed
to state that this ^{Stak} Govt. desire to avail
themselves of the arrangements for the
training of "Roof Spotter Instructors"
and to enclose herein the particulars
of the candidate ~~whom~~ whom it is pro-
posed to nominate.

I have etc.,





Chief Secy. to Govt.

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Camp: Mysore.

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29th Sept. 1941.

No 804/W
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Encl

ROOF SPOTTERS.

With reference to your letter No.F.78(4)-40/W dated the 28th August 1941 and memo No.F.78(9)-40/W dated the 13th September 1941 on the above subject, I am directed to state that this State desire to avail themselves of the arrangements for the training of "Roof Spotter Instructors", and to enclose herein the particulars of the candidate whom it is proposed to nominate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


For Chief Secretary to Government.



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The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

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No. F.78(9)-40/W.

FROM

THE SECRETARY

TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

25/9/41
To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 7th October 1941.

Roof Spotters.

SIR,

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I am directed to refer to your letter No.804/W,
dated the 29th September 1941 and to state that the
particulars of the candidate proposed to be nominated
from the Mysore State for the "Roof Spotters Course"
have been communicated to the Government of India.

2. I am to add however that information has since
been received from the Government of India that, for
unavoidable reasons, the commencement of the course
which was to start on or about the 1st October 1941,
has been postponed indefinitely, and that they will

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send a further communication on the subject in
due course.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

V. K. Daman Raza

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.
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No 839/W.

Camp: Mysore,
~~xxxxxxxx~~

9th October 1941.

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

ROOF SPOTTERS.

I am directed to refer to your letter No.A.R.P.3 dated the 26th September 1941 on the above subject, and to state that the Residency have written to say that the particulars of the candidate proposed to be nominated from the Mysore State for the "Roof Spotters Course" have been communicated to the Government of India.

They have however added that information has since been received from the Government of India that, for unavoidable reasons, the commencement of the course which was to start on or about the 1st October 1941, has been postponed indefinitely, and that they will send a further communication on the subject in due course.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Cfb.

For Chief Secretary to Government.

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THE OFFICE OF THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, the /5th October 1941.

No.F.78(9)-40/W.

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A copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore, for information, with reference to letter from this Residency No.F.78(9)-40/W, dated the 7th October 1941.

By order, etc.,



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SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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Letter from the Government of India, Home Department, to all Provincial Governments, etc., No.78/256/41-A.R.P., dated the 27th September 1941.

No.78/256/41-A.R.P.,
Government of India,
HOME DEPARTMENT,
(A.R.P.Section).

From

Lt.-Colonel A.J. Reeve,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To.

All Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners.

SMLA, the ²¹25th September 1941.

SUBJECT:--R o o f S p o t t e r s .

Sir,

I am directed to refer to paragraph No.4 of Home Department letter No.78/256/41-A.R.P., dated the 13th August 1941 in which Provincial Governments are requested (y o u) to arrange for the training of Roof Spotters locally and to state that at this stage it is not possible to say what equipment will be required for each local school set up, but that the matter is the subject of consultation between Air Headquarters, India and the United Kingdom. Some of this equipment will consist of models of aircraft which can only be obtained from the United Kingdom and unless this is ordered at an early date there may be considerable delay in supply. In order that a quick decision may be reached as to what is required for each school it is suggested that the Government of India make this decision on the advice of Air Headquarters, India, without reference to Provincial Governments and proceed to order the equipment. It is (y o u) requested that the Provincial Government will indicate (y o u) approval or otherwise of this proposal by telegram. In addition it is requested that the number of local schools it is proposed to set up may also be stated so that the

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Commissioners
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amount of equipment required may be estimated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. J. Payne'.

Major,
for Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

Bangalore, Dated, 17th October 1941.

No. W 893 / Enc 1

From

W 120-40-10.

Rajaseva prasaktha

B. T. KESAVAIENGAR, Esq., B. A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Inspector-General of Police

Sir,

in Mysore, Bangalore.

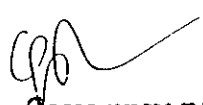
Subject:- ROOF SPOTTERS.

In continuation of this office letter No. 839/W dated 9th
October 1941, I am directed to enclose herein a copy of letter No. ^{Am. D. J.}
73/256/41-A.R.P., dated the 27th September 1941 since received from
the Residency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.


Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy of letter No.78/256/41-A.R.P. dated 27th September 1941
from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India to All Provincial
Governments and Chief Commissioners.

Subject:- Roof Spotters.

I am directed to refer to paragraph No.4 of Home Department letter
No.78/256/41-A.R.P., dated the 13th August 1941 in which --

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Chief (y o u)
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that the Provincial Government will indicate approval or otherwise
(y o u)
of this proposal by telegram. In addition it is requested that the
number of local schools it is proposed to set up may also be stated
so that the total amount of equipment required may be estimated.

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For Chief Secretary to Government.